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1. WE BELIEVE IT MOST IMPORTANT AT THIS SENSITIVE  
JUNCTURE IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS THAT RESTRICTIONS ON  
FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES NOT RPT NOT BE PERMITTED TO  
BECOME A FURTHER IRRITANT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.  
SUCH MIGHT WELL BECOME CASE IF U.S. TOOK VISIBLE ROLE IN  
COORDINATING JOINT NATO ACTION IN BRUSSELS OR ELSEWHERE.  
AT SAME TIME, SOME TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE MANNER SHOULD  
BE FOUND TO SIGNAL TO GOT THAT THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE  
NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE TO USG.

2. THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE NEW DIRECTIVE WAS  
THE BRAINCHILD OF THE TGS FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE AND THAT THIS OFFICE  
HAS PREVENTED ATTACHES FROM FULLY CONVEYING THEIR OBJECTIONS  
TO HIGHER TGS ECHELONS. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT US ATTACHES  
REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE TGS J2 (REF A), BUT THIS REQUEST  
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HAS BEEN TURNED ASIDE. THERE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS THAT SOME

TURKISH GENERALS WHO ARE AWARE OF THE NEW DIRECTIVE ARE UNHAPPY WITH IT AND BELIEVE THAT SENIOR TURKISH GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF ITS RESTRICTIVE NATURE, WHICH THEREFORE SHOULD BE CALLED TO THEIR ATTENTION.

3. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR HERE INTENDS TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH THE MFA SOME TIME THIS WEEK. ALSO, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IS PREPARING A NOTE TO BE HANDED MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS YAVUZALP, AND CONCURRENTLY THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAS INSTRUCTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE IN BRUSSELS IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER EC-9 MEMBERS.

4. FROM OUR STANDPOINT, WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING:

A. WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT JOIN IN JOINT DEMARCHE AT BRUSSELS OR IN ANKARA AT THIS TIME ALTHOUGH WE FULLY ENCOURAGE STEPS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE.

B. SINCE IT IS HIGHLY PREFERRABLE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAT ALLIED GOVERNMENTS TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS MATTER, WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE GERMAN AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS HAVE MADE THEIR DEMARCHE AND THEN MAKE OUR DEMARCHE AT THE APPROPRIATE MFA LEVEL ALONG THE SAME LINES.

C. OUR DAO IS PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SENT TO DIA AND THREE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS FOR POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION IF TURKS DO NOT RELAX PRESENT RESTRICTIONS. WE MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, REQUIRE THE TURKISH ATTACHES TO DEAL WITH ONLY THE FLO'S OF THE RESPECTIVE SERVICES AND NOT PERMIT DIRECT ACCESS TO OPERATING OR STAFF LEVELS; RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AFTER IT IS ASCERTAINED THAT THE US ATTACHES IN ANKARA ARE PROVIDED SIMILAR MATERIAL; DENY ACCESS TO US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS/UNITS EXCEPT ON ATTACHE TOURS; AND REQUIRE 48 HOUR TRAVEL NOTICE IF THE TURKISH ATTACHES INTEND TO TRAVEL FURTHER THAN 50 KM FROM THE CAPITOL.

5. THE MAIN POINT TO BE STRESSED AT THIS JUNCTURE, HOWEVER, IS THAT GIVEN THE IMPORTANT AND DELICATE PERIOD WE ARE NOW IN WITH RESPECT TO THE EFFORT TO REBUILD U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS, THE BALL

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ON THIS LESSER ISSUE SHOULD, FOR THE TIME BEING, BE CARRIED BY OTHERS.

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